## Numbers to Remember

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| Emergency | 911 |
| Dispatch | 801-799-3000 |
| Sandy Police | 801-568-7200 |
| Sandy Fire | 801-568-2930 |
| Sandy Graffiti Hotline | 801-568-2900 |
| Sandy Animal Services | 801-352-4450 |
| Tip-A-Cop | 801-568-4636 |
| Crime Prevention | 801-568-7200 |
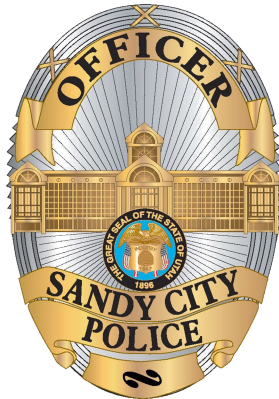


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# Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of citizens in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in communities. It involves neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance. It also involves citizens being trained to recognize and report suspicious activities in their neighborhoods and, implementation of crime prevention techniques, such as home security, operation identification and others.

## Why start Neighborhood Watch

There cannot be a law enforcement officer on every corner, therefore citizen involvement is essential to combat crime. You and your neighbors are the ones who really know what is going on in your community and by cooperating with each other and the police, people can help fight crime in the most effective way-before it begins.



## How do I start a Neighborhood Watch Program in my area?

1.  Call the Crime Prevention Unit of the Sandy City Police Department at 801-568-7200. Tell them you are interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch Area. They will then mail you a packet of information with more detailed instructions.

2.  After receiving and reading the packet of information, get organized! Talk to your neighbors and establish some excitement for the program. Choose an Area Leader and possible Block Leaders. Discuss crime problems in the area and so forth. Ask neighbors about convenient times to schedule Neighborhood Watch training with the Police Department.

3.  Contact the Crime Prevention Unit 801-568-7200, and tell them you are ready to form your Neighborhood Watch Area. You can work out a scheduled date with the Police Department for this Neighborhood Watch Training to be held. It should be held in someone's home or yard, a nearby school, library, community center or church.

4.  Get neighbors to help you. Make invitations and encourage your neighbors to attend the training.

## How Neighborhood Watch Operates.

In order to keep Neighborhood Watch effective and organized, guidelines have been established for the leadership roles and their accompanying responsibilities.

### These leadership roles include:

*   **Area Leader:** This person is chosen and/or volunteers in the Neighborhood Area and oversees Neighborhood Watch in a specific area (chosen by the neighborhood) and coordinates with local Block Leaders and Police Department. (Please note that the Area Leader will be required to pass a background check.)

*   **Block Leader:** This person is chosen and/or volunteers in the Neighborhood Area and oversees Neighborhood watch on their block and coordinates with participants on their block and there Area Leader.

*   **Neighborhood Watch Member:** While the Sandy City Police Department acts as a resource and partner in the Neighborhood Watch Program, the program belongs to you. The ultimate success or failure in reducing crime and bringing your neighborhood together depends on you.

## What does Neighborhood Watch Cost

*Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and vandalism, and improves relationships between police and the communities they serve.*

*There is no cost to join or start a Neighborhood Watch group.*

*Signs or decal's which you may want to place in your house or on street corners may be purchased at a nominal cost through the Police Department after your Neighborhood Watch group has been formed and trained.*

***A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Get involved and make a difference in your neighborhood.***